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Subject: FY 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation
Discretionary Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity

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The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to apply for \$1.5 billion in discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program.

BUILD Transportation grants replace the pre-existing Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. Projects for BUILD will be evaluated based on merit criteria that include safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental protection, state of good repair, innovation, partnership, and additional non-Federal revenue for future transportation infrastructure investments.

To reflect the Administration's Infrastructure Initiative, DOT intends to award a greater share of BUILD Transportation grant funding to projects located in rural areas that align well with the selection criteria than to such projects in urban areas. The notice highlights rural needs in several of the evaluation criteria, including support for rural broadband deployment where it is part of an eligible transportation project.

To provide technical assistance, DOT is offering a series of special topic webinars that delve into various aspects of the BUILD application process. These webinars are a great resource for anyone considering applying to BUILD this year or those preparing a BUILD application, as the webinars come from the funding source and share the expertise of USDOT to prospective applicants. Details and registration information regarding these webinars are available at <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/outreach>. The following are scheduled webinars in May:

How to Compete for BUILD Transportation Grants – All Applicants	May 24, 2018 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Pacific Time
How to Compete for BUILD Transportation Grants – Rural/Tribal Applicants	May 29, 2018 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Pacific Time
Preparing a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for a BUILD Application	May 31, 2018 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Pacific Time

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The deadline to apply for the FY 2018 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants program is July 19, 2018.

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Sincerely,

for Linda M. Gehrke
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